

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ichizou NAKAMURA Group Art Unit: 1733

Application No.: 10/510,918 Examiner: S. MAKI

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For: MOTORCYCLE TIRE

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Maki in the March 14, 2007 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Applicant's representative discussed the Amendment filed January 30, 2007. The Examiner indicated that the previous 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections, as well as the 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 rejections over JP-A-3-143705 are withdrawn in view of the amendment of claim 1 and presentation of new claims 14 and 15. Applicant appreciates the withdrawal of these rejections.

Applicant's representative then discussed the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections over JP-A-2000-254417 (hereinafter "JP'417") in view of at least one of U.S. Patent No. 5,088, 535 to Potts et al., GB 2005200, and U.S. Patent No. 6, 253,815 to Kemp. Agreement was not reached regarding whether amended claim 1 or added claims 14 or 15 were allowable over these references.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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